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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Call from Senator Symington

Senator Symington called me on 5 September and made three points.

a. Senator Stennis had spoken to him about the desirability of working on possible revisions of the CIA legislation. Senator Symington will be involved in this with Senator Stennis.

b. With respect to the Foreign Relations Committee, he merely reminded me of the difficult political atmosphere on the Hill and the particular feelings in the Foreign Relations Committee of suspicion as to the role of the Agency. He referred to Senator Fulbright's letter to me and hoped that I would be able to see Senator Fulbright and be responsive to him.

c. Senator Symington sounded a cautionary note on greater exposure by the Agency, and by me personally, in the press. I concurred, saying that I hope to have several months of quiet in that sector, although there might be occasions in which we need to be somewhat more open than we perhaps have been in the past. Essentially, Senator Symington seemed to be warning me against any energetic effort to get on the front pages (which is where I was in the New York Times on the morning of the call).



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